(b) if so, by when the services are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Direct Suburban trains between Bolaram-Falaknuma-Umdanagcr have been provided from 11.6.2001.

Completion of Nangal-Talwara rail-link

†730. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Minister and Members of Parliament of Himachal Pradesh have written letters to the Minister with a request to allocate more funds for early completion of construction work of Nangal-Talwara and Kamli-Parwanoo rail-line;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the snails pace with which funds are being allocated for Nangal-Talwara rail-line, these rail lines will not be completed even in next 25 years; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking for early completion of said rail lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) A request has been received for allocation of more funds for expeditious completion of Nangal Dam-Talwara rail line. For Kamli-Parwanoo rail line, no such request has been received.

(b)Due to constraint of resources, the work is being regulated as per their availability. The target date for completion of the project has not been fixed.

(c) Allocation of funds, which was Rs. 8 crore during 2000-2001 has been enhanced to Rs. 10 crore during the current financial year.

Rail Bridges in Madhya Pradesh

731. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many rail bridges are in India;

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(b) whether almost 50 per cent of the rail bridges in India have outlived their estimated life span of 100 years, stating the number of bridges more than 100 years and 50 years old, separately;

(c) whether these include some rail bridges in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what is the action Plan of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) 119984.

(b) No, Sir. Life of bridge cannot be fixed merely in terms of age. Number of bridges over 100 years old is 51340 and the number of bridges over 50 years old is 68644.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Bridges are rebuilt/rehabilitated based on condition and requirement.

Dangerous railway bridges

†732. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway bridges that have been categorised as dangerous and those capable of bearing loads of increasing rail wagons and passengers;

(b) whether such bridges also exist on which rail traffic is very risky; and

(c) the Zone-wise number of such bridges likely to be opened for train traffic within a year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No Railway bridge has been categorised as dangerous. All Railway bridges are capable of bearing loads of present rolling stock at certified speed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

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